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# IMPACT BIRMINGHAM

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# IMPACT BIRMINGHAM PROJECTS

*Below are listed the available projects for IMPACT Birmingham.  
When registering, select a "ticket" for each attending individual, adult and child.  
Nursery reservations must be made at [briarwood.org/nursery](http://briarwood.org/nursery).*

## **BIG OAK RANCH**

Outside landscaping & work	Teens & Adults	25 spots available
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## **BLANKET FORT HOPE**

Outdoor yard work & cleanup	All Ages	15 spots available
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## **BUNDLES OF HOPE**

Working in the warehouse	All Ages	50 spots available
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## **GRACE HOUSE**

Write notes of encouragement	Seniors	15 spots available
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## **HEARTS IN HANDS**

Wheelchair ramps installation	Teens & Adults	20 spots available
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## **PRAYER TEAM**

Praying for service projects	All Ages	25 spots available
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## **RESTORATION ACADEMY**

Yard work	Adults	15 spots available
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## **SAV-A-LIFE**

Yard work	Teens & Adults	15 spots available
Bagging diapers, sorting clothes	Teens & Adults	15 spots available
Indoor cleaning	Teens & Adults	15 spots available

## **URBAN HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH**

Fence Installation	Teens & Adults	12 spots available
Yard work	Teens & Adults	15 spots available

## **VAPOR THRIFT STORE: VESTAVIA**

Warehouse sorting and organizing	Teens & Adults	10 spots available
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## **WELL HOUSE**

Indoor Painting	Teens & Adults	15 spots available
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*Scan the QR code above or go to [briarwood.org/IMPACT](http://briarwood.org/IMPACT) to register.*

## FEATURED EVENTS

### **IMPACT Birmingham — Church Mobilization | October 18 \***

On the morning of October 18, we will have the opportunity to work together on a wide range of service projects that will help support several of our local ministries. This day of service will kick off our Local and National Ministries Conference as we seek to IMPACT Birmingham for the glory of God! Register for projects at [briarwood.org/impact](http://briarwood.org/impact).

### **Local & National Ministries Conference — Briarwood Missions | October 19–20 \***

Join us Sunday, October 19 and Monday, October 20 to hear from guest speaker Dr. Sandy Willson and our National ministry partners during Sunday School and breakout sessions on Sunday and Monday nights. Find additional details and see how you can volunteer to help during this conference at [briarwood.org/nmc](http://briarwood.org/nmc).

\* Nursery is available for select events upon reservation at [briarwood.org/nursery](http://briarwood.org/nursery).  
Stay up-to-date with upcoming events on the Briarwood App.

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## IN THE BRIARWOOD BOOKSTORE

### ***Real Change: Becoming More Like Jesus in Everyday Life***

**by Andrew Nicholls & Helen Thorne | MidWeek Recommendation**

Every honest Christian knows the need for change. But how to get there? How do you move forward from struggles both big and small with your faith? This small group resource gives Christians an opportunity to apply a biblical view of change to their lives and relationships and learn more about how God changes us to become more like Jesus. The change that His Gospel produces will make your life and your relationships truly beautiful. Nicholls and Thorne's book is based on the CCEF model of change from David Powlison's course, *Dynamics of Biblical Change*. This easy-to-use six-lesson format, and included leader's guide, guides Christians toward an honest discussion of their own struggles while providing an understanding of how a relationship with Jesus Christ brings change. Price: \$9.99

### ***Ethan's Challenge: A Family Story of Paul's First Missionary Journey***

**by Arnold Ytreeide | Children's Book**

Thirteen-year-old Ethan is happiest when he's hiding between sacks of grain in his mother's storeroom. There, he's safe from the world and doesn't have to be brave or clever like his grandfather Jotham or his father Amon. But with his famous relatives, Ethan seems destined—or maybe doomed—for adventure. Before long, Ethan is hundreds of miles from home on a journey with the most famous Christian missionary, running from an angry mob wielding clubs and axes and wanting to kill them. As a reluctant Ethan travels with Paul, Barnabas, and Mark, he begins to learn the importance of courage in the face of trials and of sharing the good news of Jesus. Readers of all ages will enjoy the real events and places of Acts 13–15 from the relatable perspective of thirteen-year-old Ethan, who is the descendant of the beloved characters from Arnold Ytreeide's hugely popular Christmas and Easter series. Price: \$16.87 (currently in stock!)

Featured books are available in the Bookstore or online at [briarwood.org/bookstore](http://briarwood.org/bookstore).

# MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

**Prayer for the Persecuted Church** — Sunday, September 14 at 5:00 p.m. in G-103. The Persecuted Church Prayer Team will meet for prayer. All are welcome to attend.

**Trailblazer's Lunch** — Sunday, September 14 at 12:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Fellowship together and hear from U.S. Congressman Gary Palmer. Register online at [briarwood.org/trailblazers](http://briarwood.org/trailblazers) or email [sjohnston@briarwood.org](mailto:sjohnston@briarwood.org).

**Youth Choirs** — Beginning September 14. All 7th–12th graders, please join us at The Barn each Sunday at 4:30 p.m. You are welcome to hang out at The Barn after choir dismisses. Please contact Chris Neugent for more information at 205.401.2623.

**Children's Passport Night** — Friday, September 19 from 6:00–8:30 p.m. K4–6th graders, come and learn about a foreign country through food and fun! Register online at [briarwood.org/children](http://briarwood.org/children). The Children's Ministry needs ministry safe volunteers to help with crowd control. Email Emily Baker if interested at [ebaker@briarwood.org](mailto:ebaker@briarwood.org).

**WBL Faith & Work Luncheon** — Wednesday, September 24. Join Women Business Leaders for their annual Faith & Work Luncheon featuring speaker, Joanna Meyer of the Denver Institute for Faith & Work. Register online at [wblbirmingham.org](http://wblbirmingham.org).

**WBL Event for Single Women** — Wednesday, September 24, from 6:00–7:30 p.m. featuring a special Q&A session with the author of *Women, Work and Calling* and Director of the Denver Faith and Work Institute, Joanna Meyer. Register at [wblbirmingham.org](http://wblbirmingham.org)

**Youth Communicants Class** — This September & October we will have a class for teens who are ready to become members of Briarwood. Please pray and discuss with your teenager. Email Jay Shaw at [jshaw@briarwood.org](mailto:jshaw@briarwood.org) if interested.

**Children's Choirs** — Our Children's Choirs (preschool and elementary age children) meet Sunday evenings during the worship hour at 6:15 p.m. For more information, please contact Shanna Phillips at 205-222-1062.

**Women's Fall Studies** — Women, pick from classes meeting Monday–Thursday. See class topics and information at [briarwood.org/women](http://briarwood.org/women).

**Men's Fall Studies** — Mondays at 6:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall, Tuesdays at 11:45 a.m. at Cajun Seafood House, Thursdays at 7:00 a.m. and Fridays at 6:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. See additional information at [briarwood.org/men](http://briarwood.org/men).

**MidWeek at Briarwood** — Join us for dinner, classes and activities for the entire family each Wednesday evening in the Fellowship Hall. Dinner begins at 5:15 p.m. and classes and activities start at 6:30 p.m. Find additional information at [briarwood.org/midweek](http://briarwood.org/midweek).

**BIO Campus Ministry Director** – Full-time position available to provide leadership in reaching international students and scholars at UAB for the purpose of evangelism and discipleship. Send inquiries and resumes to [cnorfleet@briarwood.org](mailto:cnorfleet@briarwood.org).

**Job Openings: Full-time & Part-time Staff** — There are a number of ministry positions open. See all employment and job openings at [briarwood.org/employment](http://briarwood.org/employment).

# WEEKLY PRAYER GUIDE

## **Sunday, September 14 — Briarwood Prayer Focus**

Give thanks for those serving in our LOVE Ministry, an outreach to Briarwood members who are no longer able to attend regular services at the church due to mobility or health-related issues. Praises for the joy, love, and flowers they bring to these church members every Monday.

## **Monday, September 15 — Birmingham Prayer Focus**

Pray for UnBound 2:16, a faith-based transitional care ministry dedicated to preparing incarcerated individuals for successful reentry into society by guiding them to discover their God-given purpose. Pray for God's guidance as they offer transitional housing and vital support services, including case management, job training, job placement, and Biblical discipleship through committed volunteer mentors.

## **Tuesday, September 16 — Missions Prayer Focus**

Pray for Urban Hope Community Church, as they gather to worship, study Scripture, pray, and encourage one another in the hope of Jesus Christ. Pray for their commitment to serving urban communities facing spiritual, social, and economic challenges, faithfully sharing the gospel and spreading hope in their neighborhoods. The flag of Birmingham will be featured in the Worship Center this Sunday.

## **Wednesday, September 17 — Global Ministry Partners**

Pray for Mickie West with But God Ministries serving Haiti, Tim and Rosamma Weston with International Students Inc serving Internationals, R and K with Reaching and Teaching International Ministries serving in the Middle East, and Mark and Bree with 18:26 Network in the Middle East.

## **Thursday, September 18 — National Ministry Partners**

Pray for Mack and Chris Griffith with Mission to North America in Alabama, Luke and Kristen Hembree with Campus Outreach in Mississippi, Daniel and Courtney Hightower with Reformed University Fellowship at Jacksonville State, and Gladys Hillman with Cru at Atlanta University Center.

## **Friday, September 19 — Briarwood Officers and Staff**

Pray for our elders Keith Miller, Jason Crowe, George Hodges; deacons Eric Stephens, John Scruggs, Greg Wolchok; and Director of Facilities Steve Goebel and his wife Tina.

## **Saturday, September 20 — Church Family**

Pray for our hospitalized members Joan Bell, Linda Cobb, Bert Mullis, and Teresa Holloway.

Our love and sympathy to Al Worthington and family on the death of his wife, member Nancy Worthington, on September 6.

*...do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. Philippians 4:6*

Receive each day's prayer as a notification through the Briarwood App. In your Briarwood App settings, enable "Weekly Prayer Guide" notifications.

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## THIS LORD'S DAY

### **Sunday Morning Worship Services:**

Ephesians: The One Body of Christ

“Love That Surpasses Knowledge”

Ephesians 3:14–21

Dr. Scott Redd, Pastor

### **Sunday Evening Worship:**

“The Shepherd of Tekoa”

Amos 1:1

Dr. Scott Redd, Pastor

Watch our live-stream on ROKU, Apple TV, Facebook, YouTube or [briarwood.org](http://briarwood.org).

Catch up with previous sermons and series on the Briarwood App.